

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments prior to an examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

By the above amendments, claims 38-54, which belong to a non-elected invention group, have been canceled without prejudice and disclaimer. New claims 56-67 have been added which directly or indirectly depend from independent claim 55.

Support for claims 56 and 57 can be found at page 9, lines 11-14, taken in connection with page 17, lines 15-17. Support for claim 58 can be found at page 23, lines 12-15. Support for claim 59 can be found at page 8, lines 3-8, taken in connection with page 11, lines 14-22. Support for claim 60 can be found at page 13, line 22 to page 14, line 5. Support for claim 61 can be found at page 14, lines 1-2. Support for claim 62 can be found at page 12, lines 15-20.

Support for claim 63 can be found in the specification at page 27, lines 9-13. Support for claim 64 can be found at page 17, lines 18-20. Support for claims 65 and 66 can be found at page 31, lines 6-9, taken in connection with page 35, lines 21-23. Support for claim 67 can be found at page 31, lines 14-16. Support for claims 68 and 70 can be found at page 13, lines 6-8, taken in connection with page 28, line 10 to page 29, line 11. Support for claim 69 can be found at page 13, lines 3-5, taken in connection with page 12, lines 1-7, page 29, lines 6-11 and page 32, lines 14-17.

If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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